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1. Between 29 July and 11 August 1953, a delegation of East German experts negotiated in Warsaw, Konin and Katowice on designs for a brown coal combine to be erected at Konin. On the German side, the negotiations were conducted by the Main Administration for Coal at 5/7 Leipziger Strasse Berlin.
2. Negotiations in Poland were conducted with the following agencies:
- Ministry for Mining in Warsaw, Zurawia, headed by Minister Salomon, [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] Leac (fnu), mining engineer, deputy to the minister [redacted] Kossier (fnu) [redacted] he was charged with preparing the minutes of the negotiations conducted at the Ministry of Mining. These negotiations were also attended on the Polish side by Tuchoka, Memel and Schirgod.
 - Ministry of the Power Industry at Warsaw, Zurawia. The negotiations at this ministry were attended on the Polish side by Minister Boleslaw Jaszczuk, Rosenbeyn (fnu), [redacted] Bronowski (fnu), Grosykin (fnu), Kanski (fnu), Juskiewicz (fnu), 25X1 Abramciak (fnu) and 10 other engineers.
 - State Designs Bureau for the Mining Industry at Krakow. The negotiations conducted at this agency were attended by Director Moron (fnu), Bruchal (fnu) 25X1 [redacted] Lewandowski (fnu) [redacted] and other architects, engineers and experts in the field of statical calculations.
 - State Planning Office in Warsaw. The negotiations were conducted at the Ministry of Mining.
 - Combine at Konin. The negotiations were attended by Karol Sniegosz, director general of the combine [redacted] Battaki 25X1 (fnu) [redacted] manager of the combine; Kazimierz Fuchsa, a mining engineer, and Kazimierz Sylvester, an electrical engineer.
3. The new combine will consist of an open-cast mine which extends in a northerly direction as far as the lake; the power station; the central workshop; the old briquette plant; the new briquette factory; and a low-temperature carbonization plant. [redacted] 25X1 [redacted] a hydrogenation plant and a large chemical processing plant were also scheduled to be erected near Konin after the completion of the Coal Combine. The Polish representatives stated that the financial means were available for the realization of these projects but that there was a shortage of technical experts and skilled labor.

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4. The coal deposits near Konin extend in a northerly direction from the present open-cast mine beyond Lake Goslawski. It is estimated that the deposits will last for 70 to 120 years, not taking into account other coal deposits farther to the west and in the Klocawa area. For the time being, no plans have been made for the mining of coal deposits below Lake Goslawski because such operations would affect the lifetime of the power station, which for its water supply depends on this lake and other lakes in the vicinity.
5. The water intake plant will be built on Lake Goslawski and designed for a capacity of 22,000 cubic meters per hour. The water will be discharged with a loss of three percent into Lake Pantnow. Difficulties will arise from the fact that the precooling and recooling plants must be fed with water having a maximum temperature of 15° C. In the summer months it will therefore be necessary to admix fresh water to the water of the lake in order to reach the prescribed temperature. This may necessitate the enlargement of the water plant at Konin.
6. At the conclusion of the first round of negotiations in Poland the German engineers were told that future negotiations would have to be conducted with Director General Sniegon of the Brown Coal Combine in Konin and that the two ministries mentioned would only intervene if matters of principle were to be decided. Completion dates would be controlled by the State Planning Office.
7. Between 24 and 27 August 1953, an engineer of the Designs Bureau for Industrial Construction Work in Berlin again negotiated in Poland, i.e. on 24 and 25 August at the Ministry of the Power Industry, and on 26 August at the Designs Office of the Polish coal industry on Alleja Stalina at Stalinogrod (Katowice), and on 27 August again at the Ministry of the Power Industry. The negotiations were attended by gentlemen mentioned in paragraph 2 of the present report in addition to Mrs Ritter of the State Commission for Economic Planning. In Katowice the designs made by the Germans were harmonized with the wishes of the Polish Designs Office. 25X1
[redacted] the Polish Designs Office lacked the experts required for the designing of large coal plants. Previously, coal deposits were mostly opened up by German mining engineers.

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